Computerised version of books

2181 SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce computerised version of books of some classes in the next few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the decision would deprive students belonging to weaker section of the community not having computers at home;

(d) whether Government propose to help such students or has an action-plan to do so;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had placed the content of several textbooks for classes IX to XII on the web-site during the academic session 2005-06. It also plans to put the reprint editions of textbooks of classes II, IV, V, VII, and VIII and also new textbooks of classes I, III, VI, IX and XI during the academic session 2006-07.

(c) to (f) No, Sir. NCERT textbooks in printed from will still be available in the market as before. Availability of textbooks on the web-site is an additional facility which can be made use of, depending on need.

Student teacher ratio

2182. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) the student teacher ratio in the schools of the country taken together and its comparison with the last five years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in some schools in Delhi alone, there are only two teachers for more than 400 students; if so, the reasons therefor?